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Dear Ms. Hesse,

This letter is to advocate for a swift settlement of the federal lawsuit against the Microsoft Corporation (U.S. v. Microsoft)

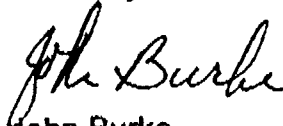
I work for a company that relies on technology for its success. We service major corporate and manufacturing facilities by building and maintaining redundant backup safeguards for their critical energy systems. You could say that our business is to keep others in business.

How sad for this already damaged economy when the federal government jumps in to assist Microsoft's competitors in trying to put one of America's biggest success stories out of business by forcing a breakup. When consumers are damaged by monopolistic activities, that's anti-trust. When Microsoft beats its competitors in the marketplace, that's capitalism.

I have yet to see a situation where software/Internet consumers did not have a choice, and it would appear to me that many of the corporate entities screaming for fairness (Oracle, Sun, Apple, AOL/Time Warner *[monopoly – look at my Time Warner cable bill if you want to see monopoly!]*) are fully prepared to play hardball and are in no danger of starving anytime soon. Billion dollar companies are tough to view as victims.

We spent eight years under a President who liked to punish business success. Today the President is different, the country is different and the world is different. Let's do the right thing and help business be successful rather than strike them down when they become successful on their own.

Sincerely,



John Burke  
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